



# Our Safeguarding Procedures

Interim Principal and Designated Child Protection Person:

**Miss E Rushen**



**An information leaflet  
for volunteers and  
visitors to the school.**



To ensure the safety of all our children, we request that all our visitors follow these safeguarding protocols:

1. Sign in to the visitors' book on arrival at Reception and show the necessary identification (photo ID, DBS etc)
2. Obtain and wear a school visitor's badge.
3. Read this leaflet for visitors and sign our code of conduct with further information regarding our procedures.
4. Be aware of our Emergency Evacuation Procedures (on reverse of visitors' badge).
5. Return your visitor badge and sign out before leaving the building.

All staff, governors and volunteers at Grange Infant School have a duty under the Education Act to work together, with other agencies, to ensure adequate arrangements are in place to identify, assess and support children who are at risk of harm.

Whilst being in this school, you have a duty of care towards the children that are here. This means, that at all times, you should act in a way that has their safety and welfare at heart. If at any time you have a concern about a child, **it is your responsibility to share your concern with the designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputy Safeguarding Leads:**

DSL

Miss E Rushen



Interim Principal

Deputy DSL

Mrs C Shute



SENDCO

Deputy DSL

Mrs T Jackson



Children's Champion

Deputy DSL

Mrs L Clark



Assistant Principal

**Visitors to Grange Infant School are asked to turn off their mobile phones and refrain from using them whilst they are in the school building.** Portable media may not be brought into school and connected to the school system without specific permission and a virus check.

**Permission from the Interim Principal must be obtained before any photographs of children are taken.** Only school equipment should be used, where possible. We do not allow photographs of children to be taken with personal cameras or mobile phones.

Thank you on behalf of the staff and pupils of Grange Infant School for your co-operation.

## What is abuse?

There are four categories of abuse:

**Physical**

**Sexual**

**Emotional**

**Neglect**

You may be concerned as a result of:

- Observing a physical injury, which you think may have been non-accidental.
- Observing something in the appearance of a child which suggests they are not being sufficiently cared for.
- Observing behaviour that leads you to be concerned about the child.
- A child telling you that they have been subjected to some form of abuse. This is called a disclosure.

**In any of these circumstances, you must write down what you saw or heard on a concern form available in the school office. Please sign and date your account and immediately give it to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.** If they are not available, please ensure that you pass it to one of the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. This may be the beginning of a legal process and it is therefore important to understand that action against the perpetrator can be seriously damaged by any suggestion that the child has been led in any way.

It is important you do not feel afraid about passing on your concerns. This information may be a small piece in a bigger jigsaw and may help to get a better understanding of a child's predicament.

**Any concerns, no matter how trivial they seem, must be passed on.**

**What to do if a child makes a disclosure or you think the child is at risk of abuse:**

- Rather than directly question the child, listen and be supportive. Reassure the child that they were right to tell and that it is not their fault.
- Stay calm and controlled. Try not to show distress at what you are being told.
- Never stop a child who is freely recalling significant events, but don't push the child to tell you more than they wish.
- Make it clear that you will need to pass on information to staff in the school and other agencies that may be able to help. Do not promise confidentiality. Do not make promises you cannot keep.
- Write an account of the conversation immediately. Put the date and timings on it and mention anyone else who was present. Sign your account and give to the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away so that they can take the appropriate course of action. Remember to always ask for feedback from the Designated Safeguarding Lead on your concern.
- Be aware of your own feeling about what has happened and find someone appropriate that you can share these feelings with. It is important to remember that children's details must remain confidential and any discussion that you feel you need to undertake must not allow the child to be identified by anyone else.

**Grange Infant School has a policy on safeguarding children which you can find together with the local procedures to be followed on the safeguarding noticeboard in the staff room and on the school website.**

**Remember if you have a concern, no matter how small, discuss it with the Designated Safeguarding Lead.**

We follow procedures set out by the Local Safeguarding Children Board and take account of further guidance issued by the DofE and Swindon Local Authority.